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## POLICE RAID FOILS PLAN

**1** A female suicide bomber blew herself up in a police raid in the Paris suburb of St. Denis on Wednesday that sources said had foiled a jihadi plan to hit Paris' business district, days after a wave of attacks killed 129 across the French capital. **REUTERS**



## BIKERS CIVIL SUIT

**2** Five of the bikers indicted in the deadly May fight among motorcycle gangs in Texas filed a civil rights lawsuit this week against McLennan County officials and Waco police, claiming wrongful arrest and incarceration, according to court documents. Lawyers for bikers Matthew Clendennen, Robert Bucy, George Bergman, Noe Adame and Jorge Salinas filed individual lawsuits in federal court in Texas on Tuesday, six months after the May 17 battle at Twin Peaks Sports Bar and Grill in the central Texas city of Waco. **REUTERS**

## SOCIAL MEDIA SECURITY

**3** Massachusetts lawmakers are hoping to pass a bill that will protect your social media privacy from prying eyes. The new law would bar employers from asking for employees' social media passwords. The law does allow users to sue those they think have tried to access their account illegally. **MATT LEE**



## RED KETTLE CAMPAIGN

**7** Bellringer Deysi Vargas helped kick off the Salvation Army's Red Kettle Campaign for the season outside the Macy's in Downtown Square on Wednesday.



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## UBER HELPS FIGHT FLU

**4** Uber wants to help fight off any potential disease by bringing back the idea of house calls with UberHEALTH — a pilot program started last year. From 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Thursday, Uber will be delivering wellness packs for \$10. Anyone who requests and receives a wellness pack will also have the option to request a free flu shot from a registered nurse. **METRO**



## STORMS KILL 3 OUT WEST

**5** At least three people were killed and about 250,000 homes and businesses were without power in Washington state on Wednesday after a storm blew down trees and triggered mudslides, authorities said. A wide swath of the Puget Sound region was under flood watches and warnings through Wednesday, the National Weather Service said. In the Spokane area of eastern Washington, utility Avista said nearly 115,000 customers were without power and the city closed schools after winds up to 70 mph tore through the area. **REUTERS**

## SPRINT SWITCH OFFER

**6** Customers who switch to Sprint from Verizon, AT&T and T-Mobile will have to pay only half of what they pay for their existing plans, the No. 4 U.S. carrier said in a bid to lure users to its network ahead of the holiday season. The offer will not apply to all plans from its competitors. **REUTERS**







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## BRIEF

**Massachusetts teen accused of murder agrees to return to courtroom**

The trial of a Danvers teenager accused of murdering his teacher resumed on Wednesday with the teen flanked by extra security a day after he halted the proceedings by refusing to enter the courtroom, claiming he was about to explode.

Philip Chism, 16, agreed to be present in court after ini-

tially indicating on Wednesday that he wanted to waive his right to appear.

The day before, Chism, whose attorneys are mounting an insanity defense, had refused to return to the courtroom after a break, saying he was "about to explode" and did not "want to hurt anyone."

At one point, Chism lay on the floor of his holding cell and did not respond to ques-



Chism FILE PHOTO

tions from the judge.

When Chism returned to the courtroom Wednesday, he was flanked by several court officers. He maintained the same posture he has since the trial began: sitting still and staring straight ahead.

Chism is being tried as an adult for the murder of Colleen Ritzer, who had been a popular 24-year-old teacher at his high school in Danvers. METRO

# 21 to buy tobacco



A young smoker NICOLAUS CZARNECKI

After successfully banning spit tobacco at sporting events, parks and stadiums, Mayor Marty Walsh is now pushing to raise Boston's legal age of buy tobacco sales from 18 to 21.

"We know the consequences of tobacco use are real and can be devastating," Walsh said in a statement released on Wednesday. "These proposed changes send a strong message that Boston takes the issue of preventing tobacco addiction seriously, and I hope that message is heard throughout Boston and across the entire country."

Presently, there are 83 towns and cities in Massachusetts that have raised the threshold up to 21. If Boston's Board of Health approves on the age hike, the Hub would be the second major city in the U.S. to institute such a measure, right behind New York City.

Needham became the first town in the country to up the tobacco sales age, and a 2015 study showed that youth smoking rate in Needham dropped almost 50 percent in the first five years of the raised buying age. Experts and advocates hope that the same would happen in Boston.

"By raising the tobacco sale age to 21, Boston can continue its longstanding leadership in fighting tobacco and help make the next generation tobacco-free," Kevin O'Flaherty with the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids said in a statement. "We know that 95 percent of adult smokers began smok-

ing before they turned 21, and ages 18 to 21 are critical years when young people transition from experimenting with tobacco into becoming regular users."

One local smoke shop owner is particularly heated about the prospect of an age increase, not because of the threat to his sales, but because of the infringement of the nanny state.

"If this went through, an 18- to 20-year-old kid would have to get on the T and go to Quincy or Somerville or Brookline or Malden to buy cigarettes," Boston Smoke Shop owner Joe Girouard said. "We're not going to lose much money if we can't sell cigarettes to 18- to 20-year-olds, really. The taxes are so high that you don't make much profit, and the city will lose the tax revenue."

Girouard's worry is not the packs per day sold, but people under 18 would not be able to step foot in his store, let alone purchase the glassware and vaporizer products.

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# MBTA late-night

It's too expensive to run trains and buses until 2 a.m., the T's overseers said.

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Late-night service on the MBTA may finally be coming to an end.

Keeping trains and buses running until 2 a.m. on Friday and Saturday nights is expensive and too few people use the service, agency overseers said Wednesday.

"At some point we have to say the experiment was not successful and we have to make that tough call," MBTA General Manager Frank DePaola said.

The service costs \$14 million in subsidies — \$13.38 per ride, compared with a \$2.07-per-rider MBTA average and a \$0.67 subsidy per ride on the subway, a report found.

The T had hoped the restaurant, hotel and entertainment industries and other employers would help to subsidize the service. But those private dollars "never materialized," DePaola said.

Also, running trains late means there is less time overnight to do maintenance on the system, board members said. This comes at a time when the MBTA's repair backlog is valued at an estimated \$7 billion.

"The notion that we're going to knock that mountain down in two-and-a-half-hour service windows seems like an impossible task," said Steve Pofatak, MBTA board member.

The board hasn't picked a timetable for ending the program.

Joe Aiello, the board's chairman, said he preferred to keep it running through the winter and give riders a few months' notice before ending it, but board member Monica Tibbitts-Nutt said the



MBTA announced it may scale back

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# service in trouble



night service. NICOLAUS CZARNECKI

sooner the MBTA can nix late-night service — which she said has “failed by all means” — the better. She added that the T might need the extra over-night time this winter to clear tracks.

The T may look to private ride-hailing services to see if they can provide late-night rides more cheaply, board members said, though they expressed skepticism.

“The idea of paying even less for a pilot project that has failed by all means just seems kind of silly to me,” Tibbitts-Nutt said.

In March 2014, the MBTA began the new scheduling — with week-end trains leaving down-

*“At some point we have to say the experiment was not successful and we have to make that tough call.”*

DePaola

town stations at around 2:30, 90 minutes later than before.

In April 2015, citing low ridership, the T downsized the service, rolling the last departures back 30 minutes to 2 a.m. and cutting out five late-night bus routes.

The T previously ran late-night service between 2001 and 2005, but cancelled it due to low ridership.

The Massachusetts Restaurant Association has been a supporter of the late-night trains and buses. The association argues that the late-night transit helps service industry workers to get home — and boosts sales because customers can stay out later.

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# Political ads may be at end of line on T

Anti-Israel ads are drawing criticism from pro-Israeli groups who claim they are unfair.

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Political ads at an MBTA station are offending some riders, and now the authority may consider taking action.

The ads, displayed in seven cities including Boston, are drawing criticism from pro-Israeli groups who claim they are unfair, WCVB reported, adding that the MBTA took down similar ads last year after complaints.

The American Civil Liberties Union stepped in and threatened legal action. The MBTA reconsidered and said the ads comply with the authority's "viewpoint-neutral

standard for all advertising displayed on MBTA property," WMUR said in a related report.

"Israel's military kills one Palestinian child every three days using U.S. tax dollars," the ad's text reads, according to WMUR.

"What we are trying to do is highlight to Americans a component of the story we think is missed," Jake Chase-Lubitz of the Palestine Advocacy Project said to WMUR. "That is the devastation Israel brings to the Palestinian community."

"Spreading distortions and inaccuracies about a complex political situation will achieve no positive benefit," the Jewish Community Relations Council said to WMUR in response to the ads. The anti-defamation league says the ads "distort reality," the report added.

"This is frustrating



One of the ads.

information for them because it shows an unpleasant side of the occupation. They would prefer to frame the entire thing on Israeli security," Chase-Lubitz said to WMUR.

Jewish groups said they respect the group's right to express their opinion, and the MBTA is now "considering whether to amend its advertising guidelines and in the future will not accept ads concerning political issues and matters of public debate," WCVB reported.

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# 'Transit' app tops in MBTA survey

When it comes to tracking MBTA buses and trains from your smartphone, there are lots of apps to choose from.

Too many, maybe. More than 60 independent developers have made MBTA apps using public tracking and alert data, the agency said. They have names like NextBus, Catch The Bus and ProximiT.

So the T picked out a select 11 and asked riders to weigh in on their favorites. Nearly 2,000 took part in an online survey, for which they were asked to say whether the apps did what they were supposed to do: provide accurate info on whether trains or buses will be on time, send service alerts and plan routes.

The app Transit appears to have come out on top. Riders checked



The MBTA announced the top picks.  
NICOLAUS CZARNIECKI

"yes" boxes on six of six performance metrics, the results show, although the app doesn't track the commuter rail. The app is offered in more than 100 metropolitan areas, according to its website.

Of the apps that do track the rail — four of the 11 included in the MBTA survey — none among them was a clear favorite.

The survey also asked whether each app provided info on multiple modes

of transit and whether it was "visually appealing."

Find the full results on the MBTA's winter readiness page: [mbta.com/winter](http://mbta.com/winter). The T is "very confident" the survey is accurate, spokesman Joe Pesaturo told Metro.

The agency had to walk back the results of its last public call-out, which asked riders to vote for their favorite paint schemes for new Green, Red and Orange line trains. Many of the votes in that poll had been faked by respondents gaming the system, the T found.

"This survey had nothing to do with 'choosing a winner,'" Pesaturo added, about this latest call-out. "This was an opportunity for customers to tell us which apps they use and for what purposes."

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# ISIS says 'Schweppes bomb' used to bring down Russian plane

The downed aircraft, an Airbus A321 operated by Metrojet, had been carrying Russians from an Egyptian resort to Saint Petersburg when it broke up over Egypt's Sinai Peninsula.

Islamic State's official magazine carried a photo on Wednesday of a Schweppes drink it said was used to make an improvised bomb that brought down a Russian airliner over Egypt's Sinai Peninsula last month, killing all 224 people on board.

The photo showed a can of Schweppes Gold soft drink and what appeared to be a detonator

and switch on a blue background, three simple components that if genuine are likely to cause concern for airline safety officials worldwide.

"The divided Crusaders of the East and West thought themselves safe in their jets as they cowardly bombarded the Muslims of the Caliphate," the English language Dabiq magazine said in reference to Russia and the West. "And so revenge was exacted upon those who felt safe in the cockpits."

Western governments have said the plane was likely brought down by a bomb and Moscow confirmed on Tuesday it had

reached the same conclusion, but the Egyptian government says it has still not found evidence of criminal action.

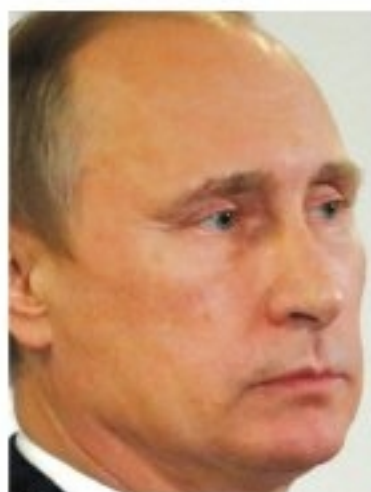
Islamic State also published a photo of what it said were passports belonging to dead Russians "obtained by the mujahideen." It was not immediately possible to verify the authenticity of the published photos.

The group, which has seized large swathes of Syria and Iraq, said it had exploited a loophole at Sharm al-Sheikh airport, where the plane originated, in order to smuggle a bomb on board.

The airport is widely

*"We will find them anywhere on the planet and punish them."*

Putin said of the plane bombers at a somber Kremlin meeting



Putin GETTY IMAGES



Debris belonging to the A321 Russian airliner are seen at the site of the crash in Wadi al-Zolamat, a mountainous area in Egypt's Sinai Peninsula. GETTY IMAGES

used by budget and charter airlines to fly tourists to the nearby resorts on the Sinai coast.

Islamic State said it had initially planned to bring down a plane belonging to a country participating in the U.S.-led coalition bombing it in Syria and Iraq, but it changed course after Moscow started its own air strikes campaign in Syria.

"A bomb was smuggled onto the airplane, leading to the deaths of 219 Russians and five other crusaders only a month after Russia's thoughtless decision," it said.

Egypt's interior minister told a news conference in Sharm al-Sheikh on Tuesday that there was "no information" about security lapses at the airport.

Islamic State's Egyptian branch, Sinai Province, claimed responsibility for the attack the day it happened but Egyptian officials were quick to dismiss talk of a bomb as pre-

mature. Egypt is battling an Islamist insurgency in the Sinai, a strategic peninsula bordering Israel, Gaza and the Suez Canal. But Islamic State said the airline attack was primarily planned as a response to Russian and Western air strikes.

"This was to show the Russians and whoever allies with them that they will have no safety in the lands and airspace of the Muslims," the group wrote. "That their daily killing of dozens in [Syria] through their airstrikes will only bring them calamities."

Russia, an ally of Syrian President Bashar al-Assad, launched airstrikes against opposition groups in Syria including Islamic State, on Sept. 30.

On Tuesday, Russian President Vladimir Putin vowed to hunt down those responsible for blowing up the plane and offered a \$50 million reward for information leading to those responsible. REUTERS

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# Americans split on abortion as Supreme Court takes case: poll

Americans are split over abortion restrictions like those in a Texas law challenged before the U.S. Supreme Court, reflecting deep and longstanding divisions over the contentious issue, according to a Reuters/Ipsos poll released on Wednesday.

In the online poll of 3,387 U.S. adults, 41 percent of respondents said laws like the one in Texas are intended to make abortion clinics safer, 35 percent said such laws are designed to make it difficult or impossible for women to obtain abortions, and 24 percent said they did not know.

The 2013 Texas law mandated costly hospital-grade standards for abortion clinics and required doctors who perform abortions to have admitting privileges at nearby hospitals.

In the poll, 43 percent of respondents said abortion should be legal in most or all cases, 41 percent said it should be illegal in most or all cases and 16 percent said they were unsure.

Views on abortion in the United States have changed very little over decades, according to historical polling data



Women hold up signs during a pro-choice rally. GETTY IMAGES

maintained by Gallup.

The high court last Friday said it would hear a legal challenge brought by abortion providers to the Republican-backed law, its first major abortion case since the justices upheld a federal ban on a late-term abortion procedure in 2007.

Asked how they felt the Supreme Court should rule in the Texas case, 33 percent of poll respondents said the justices should strike down the law, 32 percent said they should uphold it and 36 percent said they did not know.

The Supreme Court legalized abortion in its landmark 1973 Roe v. Wade ruling. But

a woman's right to terminate a pregnancy remains a controversial issue among Americans. Some states have sought to restrict abortion.

Ten states have imposed doctor admitting-privilege requirements like those in Texas, while six have laws requiring hospital-grade facilities for abortion clinics mirroring the Texas law, according to the Center for Reproductive Rights, which represents abortion providers in the case before the Supreme Court.

The Supreme Court is set to hear oral arguments in the case in early spring, with a ruling due by the end of June. REUTERS

## BRIEFS

### Senators vow to block climate aid, scrutinize Paris deal

Senate Republicans on Wednesday said Congress would not approve the Obama administration's \$500 million request for its first payment into a United Nations climate fund, a move they said would undermine the upcoming climate change summit in Paris.

"This president is going to go (to Paris) with no money," said Republican Senator Shelley Moore Capito of West Virginia. She chaired a hearing of the Senate environment panel on the international climate negotiations, which begin on Nov. 30.

Capito and other Republican members of the committee said they will ensure any deal the U.S. strikes in Paris will face congressional scrutiny, and warned they will block President Barack Obama's 2016 budget request for the first tranche of the \$3 billion pledged last year to the U.N. Green Climate Fund.

"Without Senate approval (of a climate agreement), there will be no money," added Senator John Barrasso of Wyoming, acknowledging that guarantees of climate aid to developing countries is "the linchpin" of the Paris climate conference. REUTERS

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## Gwen Stefani was her own inspiration for divorce

Apparently Gwen Stefani talking to a radio station about her divorce is a weekly thing now, and this week she's getting much more candid. And get this: Stefani found inspiration to split up with husband Gavin Rossdale by ... listening to her old No Doubt breakup songs. "I go back and listen to a lot of that stuff and get sick," she tells Washington, D.C.'s 94.7 Fresh FM. "You look at the song and go, 'That was a red flag and that was a moment where I was feeling just as bad as I do today and why did I keep it up?'"

As for the divorce itself? She's looking on the bright side. "I wish it didn't happen. I wish that all this wasn't happening, but it was part of my life journey," she says. "In my life I've had two really bad heartbreaks, but I've written some really incredible music out of it." See? She really is a big fan or her work.

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## All about Tom Brady's political aspirations



Some Patriots fans are eager to see Tom Brady head into politics after he's done with football — by running for governor of Massachusetts or, dare say, president — but the man himself is here to rain on that parade. "There is a 0.000 chance of me ever wanting to do that. I just think that no matter what you'd say or what you'd do, you'd be in a position where — you know,

you're politicking. You know?" he tells GQ Magazine. "Like, I think the great part about what I do is that there's a scoreboard. At the end of every week, you know how you did. You know how well you prepared. You know whether you executed your game plan. There's a tangible score. I think in politics, half the people are going to like you and half the people are not going to like you, no matter what you do or what you say." See? He just wants to be liked.

## DAILY VIDEO



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## Cone Solidarity

What's a hardcore rapper who's also a sympathetic dog owner supposed to do when his four-legged friend ends up in a post-vet cone of shame? Cone solidarity, that's what.

This music video — that also benefits animal rescue charity the Amanda Foundation — is utterly ridiculous and delightful ...and then the sweet vocal bridge kicks in and it becomes sublime. Let's all don a cone. And relax with a scone.

## David Beckham is the Sexiest Man Alive

If you were doubting the exact sexiness level of David Beckham, doubt no more. Beckham has been dubbed the Sexiest Man Alive for 2015 by People magazine. Jimmy Kimmel announced the news, with Beckham appearing via Skype. "I would obviously like to thank my parents for bringing me into this world, of course. I would like to thank my



hairdresser, my stylist," he joked. He was a bit more serious with the magazine itself: "I never feel that I'm an attractive, sexy person," Beckham tells People. "I mean, I like to wear nice clothes and nice suits and look

and feel good, but I don't ever think of myself that way." That makes one of us. Runners up for this year's title include Chris Hemsworth, George Clooney, Brad Pitt, Channing Tatum and a slew of other famous white guys.



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# Revisiting the Blacklist

John Goodman looks at another piece of Hollywood history with "Trumbo."



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John Goodman teams up with Bryan Cranston and director Jay Roach for "Trumbo," playing Frank King, the brash B-movie mogul who kept Dalton Trumbo (Cranston) working after he was blacklisted from Hollywood in the 1950s. Goodman doesn't think we've come all that far since then.

**How familiar were you with Dalton Trumbo's story?**

I knew about the Hollywood 10, but not in a lot of great detail. I'd admired Dalton Trumbo, but my God, I had no idea he was as prolific as he was.

**It almost seems**



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**strange now how much people freaked out over Communism.**

It doesn't seem strange to me at all and it doesn't seem like we've learned our lessons very well. People are very good at manipulating fear for their own ends and for power. We have a lot of lobbyists doing it, we have a lot of politicians who are buying into it. And these days of social media, it's becoming tribal almost — the group-shaming of people, beating up on people. It's very good at turning individuals into mobs — "this is what's right to think, this is what's correct."

And people aren't afraid to use death threats now and really, really hateful speech. Doesn't seem like we've learned a lot.

**It's scary how with social media you can create your own echo chamber.**

Yeah, you listen to the groups that you



John Goodman stars as Frank King in "Trumbo." HILARY BROWNYN GAIL/BLEECKER STREET

## Almost three decades with the Coens

**You've had such a long and fruitful working relationship with the Coen Brothers, starting in 1987.**

It started off with the audition for "Raising Arizona," and I just felt so comfortable. The script was dynamite. It was the funniest thing I'd ever read. And it was just loose. I

didn't go in there desperate for a job or anything like that, but I wound up having such a good time with them that the audition itself was worth the price of admission. We just hung out for a while. Then they wrote a couple of roles with me in mind. Yeah, it's been cool.

want to listen to and you don't listen to anybody else. That's as far as I want to go with that. I don't want to get into privacy and all that stuff, which has no bearing here. Well ... it does, because it's the privacy of a person to have their own beliefs and wishes and not have to share them with anyone else or really have to explain them if they're perfectly legal to have.

## Here's to female heroes who are strong and complex

**Geek Girl in Hollywood**



JENNA BUSCH  
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This is going to be quite a weekend for fans of strong, complex heroines. On Friday, we're getting the final installment in the "Hunger Games" series. We're also going to mark the release of the next Marvel Netflix series, "Jessica Jones."

As much as I wish this weren't significant, it is. What we're going to see are strong women, but ones with flaws — like real people. I know that sounds a bit strange, but think about a lot of the "strong female characters" we're used to. They get to be tough or vulnerable or a love interest. I'm thrilled that we're finally seeing more well-rounded people.

In Katniss Everdeen and Jessica Jones, we have women dealing with PTSD. We don't see Katniss as a one-dimensional hero —



Natalie Dormer and Jennifer Lawrence in "The Hunger Games" finale play two of the strong, complex female characters on screens this weekend. MURRAY CLOSE

something we often see with male action heroes as well — kicking ass, having a dark or touching moment here and there, but mostly shooting up enemies with a smirk on her face and a hot costume. We see her actually reacting to the trauma she's experienced. I think that's why she's so beloved. We like to think that if we were in a situation like that, we'd kick ass too. But once the action ends, there would be an emotional aftermath to deal with as well, and we're allowed to see hints that these characters' actions and

experiences have consequences for them.

We'll see that in Jessica Jones as well. Fans of the comics know that this character was a former superhero who was mentally manipulated by The Purple Man. After enduring months of doing terrible things while under his control, she's left the superhero business and started up as a private investigator. As we can see from the promos, she's dealing with the consequences and not really doing it very well. This is something we can all relate to.

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Find out what being a cat owner means for your love life.



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If you're a cat owner and single, it turns out it's not your cat's fault, but it's not your fault either. It's probably the person you've brought home, according to a Ph.D. student studying animal behavior at CUNY.

"When you live with a companion animal you're doing it because you essentially want a relationship and usually you do have a very specific relationship with that animal," says Julie Hecht. "When somebody else new comes into the environment, like your house or your life, it can be hard depending on the nature of your relationship [with your pet]."

Hecht explains that often, those who are newly introduced to people's companion animals, like cats, try and mimic the behavior

the owner has with that pet. What people don't understand is that the animal and their owner have sets of behaviors and intimacy built upon what can sometimes be a longterm relationship.

In a way it can be like trying to jump into a polyamorous relationship.



"Your words, not mine" Hecht laughs. "Essentially you shouldn't just make assumptions about who the [pet] is. You should take time and [get to know the pet] for whom the [pet] is and also not make judgments about who the

[pet] is with the owner." Would it make it all easier to just date people who like cats?

"No," Hecht says. "I think on both ends, if you have an animal lover and somebody that maybe wants to proclaim they don't love dogs or doesn't like cats, if you're patient with each other something entirely different can develop."

So keep in mind, when you're introducing a new date to your cat companion, that you're essentially introducing a stranger to your very, very close friend who happens to be a cat.

Hecht recommends that you give the cat space to approach your date and to not rush anything.

Remember to give your cat a choice in interacting with your adult slumber party buddy.

It may take some time, but like with any relationship it may blossom into something quite lovely that even your cat would approve of.



# A beer love fest

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In the early days of craft beer, Mike Munnely, one of the founders, says festivals like his were akin to evangelism. "Hey, you may have heard of this, so here's three others like it," he describes. "Here's an ale or IPA. You've probably never had more than a lager."

Now, much of that exposure to new brews is done in bars, an abundance that has only further whetted aficionados' appetites for seeking out the new, unique and down right weird.

"We stay with our approach, which is 50 percent local beers from Massachusetts and New England," says Munnely. "And there are some really great brewers and beers we want to bring, something really cool out of the West Coast or North Carolina."

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pany's Peanut Butter Raincloud porter. Grey Sail Brewing, Newport Storm Beers, Naukabout Beer, John Harvard's Brewery and Ale House and Bad Martha are some additional locals that will be on hand.

For hops-chasers, there will be plenty they haven't tried before, even if the unexpected has become expected.

"Everyone's always trying to push it to the limit with how much hops they can get into an IPA, or how many flavors," Munnely says. "Everyone's got creativity in there. When you hear about a peanut butter porter it sounds out there, but it's not necessarily going to make anyone blink anymore."

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# Casey Veggies stays rooted in family values

The 22-year-old rapper is friends with big players in the hip-hop game, but his new single features someone he's even closer to: his dad.

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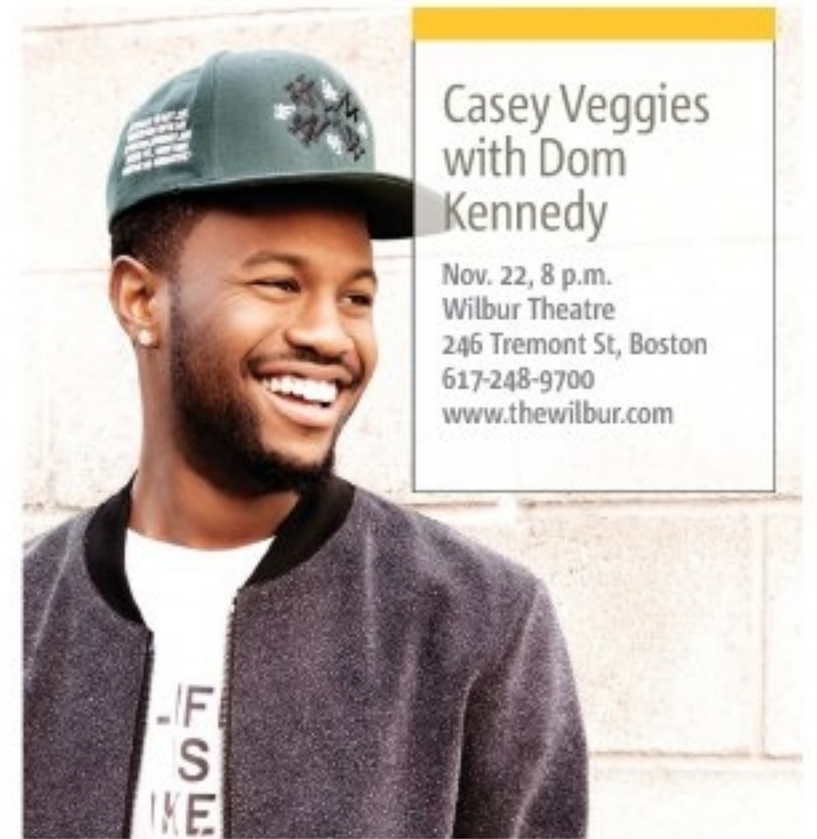
Casey Veggies' hit single "Backflip," which features YG and Iamsu!, generated more than three million views on YouTube. The rapper has performed with Kendrick Lamar, Rockie Fresh and Juicy J — he's friends with many seasoned artists in the rap game. But for his new track, "I'm the King," he chose to feature his dad over a boldfaced name.

## All in the family

After all, his dad knows the biz. He's a former bodyguard for Jay Z. "He's always like that voice of reason for me," says Veggies, aka Casey Jones. "If I'm moving too fast and not thinking, he's always that person who can give me some advice. He doesn't always tell me what I want to hear — he tells what he feels I should hear."

## Finding his focus

Veggies is an Inglewood, California, native who was part of the influential Odd Future collective. He started young. "I made



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my first mixtape when I was in ninth grade and people started to check me out, listening to it and vibing to it," Veggies says. "It was in 11th grade when I realized this is what I wanted to do."

## Musical growth

The name of Veggies' album, "Live & Grow," reflects his advancement in music. "Live & Grow" is multi-textured, showing an ability to approach the music from different perspectives.

The ladies' jam "Tied Up" features a hook by Dej Loaf and a clever double entendre — she can tie her hair up and won't say no to a little bondage play in the boudoir. "Backflip" is a club

banger with a poppy synth groove and "Actin' Up," with Dom Kennedy, celebrates life in the fast lane with a mesmerizing twangy guitar sample.

## Not slowing down

But beyond the bright lights, "Live & Grow" is a tale of the artist coming to terms with the world around him. "I'm a young kid, 22, I'm out here dreaming big, trying to find out what's the next step," he says.

Besides his accelerating music career, Veggies also has a Puma sponsorship, a clothing line (Peas & Carats) and a national tour. "I'm going to keep it all going," he says. "I'm going to stay on the grind."

## Also onstage



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The Americana-influenced act Kingsley Flood, who broke through in 2013, is one of Boston's most prominent gifts to the national music scene in the last few years. Riding a wave of buzz a mile high, tonight they release their latest, the EP "To the Wolves." If the record's raw, stomping energy is any indication, fame hasn't intimidated them at all.



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Together Pangea are prime exponents of the deceptively laid-back, within the red garage pop that's been emanating like pot smoke from California for the last half decade. But they can also become a fully engaged, crazy-soloing rock monster when they feel like it, projecting an infectious power worthy of those decidedly un-chill pioneers of Californian punk, Black Flag. MATTHEW DINARO



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92, Hasenohr's arrangement of Strauss' tone poem Till Eulenspiegel and Brahms' Clarinet Quintet in B Minor, each paired with original choreography by Williams, Gianni Di Marco, Janelle Gilchrist and Marsha Parilla.

#### Polly Motley

Saturday and Sunday  
Institute of Contemporary Art  
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Free, 617-478-3100  
Icaboston.org

This dancer will perform "The Glyph," by Katherine Litz. Litz, whose choreography emphasizes the physics of the body over emotional release, taught at Black Mountain College, a unique mid-20th century school that fused a fine arts education with a liberal arts education. In keeping with the school's spirit, Motley will perform in a gallery, facilitating a dialogue between painting and dance.

### MUSIC

#### Project Fusion: A Collision of Music and Technology

Saturday, 8 p.m.  
Killian Hall, MIT  
160 Memorial Dr., Cambridge  
\$12-\$18  
Juventasmusic.com  
The jetpack-toting 21st century — as envisioned by folks in the middle of the 20th — never quite came to fruition, but there are traces. At this concert, for example, Juventas New Music Ensemble will perform with actual robot musicians. Also on the program: a work for "flute and computer," a composition involving the audience's smartphone and a piece integrating DNA sequences.

### ART

#### Interference

Friday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.  
KnowNoTruth Gallery  
228 Newbury St., Boston  
Free, 857-317-4139

### Knownottruth.com

This is the first event at the newly renovated KnowNoTruth Gallery, and the organizers promise to "take you away from the distractions of the outside world." With food from Black Cat Culinary, music selected by DJs STATIC and Howie D. Rivet, photography from Jason Baker and Anthony Grasseti, paintings from Landon Richman and live body painting by Adam Canvas Giangregorio.

### COMEDY

#### Pavement Comedy Night

Friday, 6:30 p.m.  
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Eventbrite.com  
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### BOOKS

#### J. Mae Barizo and Susana Moreira Marques

Friday, 7 p.m.  
Porter Square Books  
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Free, 617-491-2220  
Portersquarebooks.com  
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AMY BOYLE

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Your first ports of call in Turkey's buzzing metropolis are probably its famous Ottoman mosques and palaces, but its Byzantine beauties are worth exploring too.

### Mosaic Museum



**1 Chora Church (Kariye Museum)**  
 This tucked-away 11th-century church, now a museum, has an unadorned exterior of dense terra-cotta brick. But inside you'll see intricate 14th-century frescoes and mosaics on the domes and walls, considered some of the world's finest surviving Byzantine art. Golden mosaics illustrate scenes from the life of Christ and the Virgin Mary, with frescoes depicting Old Testament scenes. Like many churches here, it was converted to a mosque in 1511, soon after the Ottoman Conquest, and the art was plastered over. Thankfully, this helped to preserve them until they were uncovered a century ago.

**2 Hagia Sophia**  
 This hulking, dusky red building is a masterpiece of Byzantine architecture, rebuilt in the mid-sixth century under Emperor Justinian I. With a 184-foot-high dome and

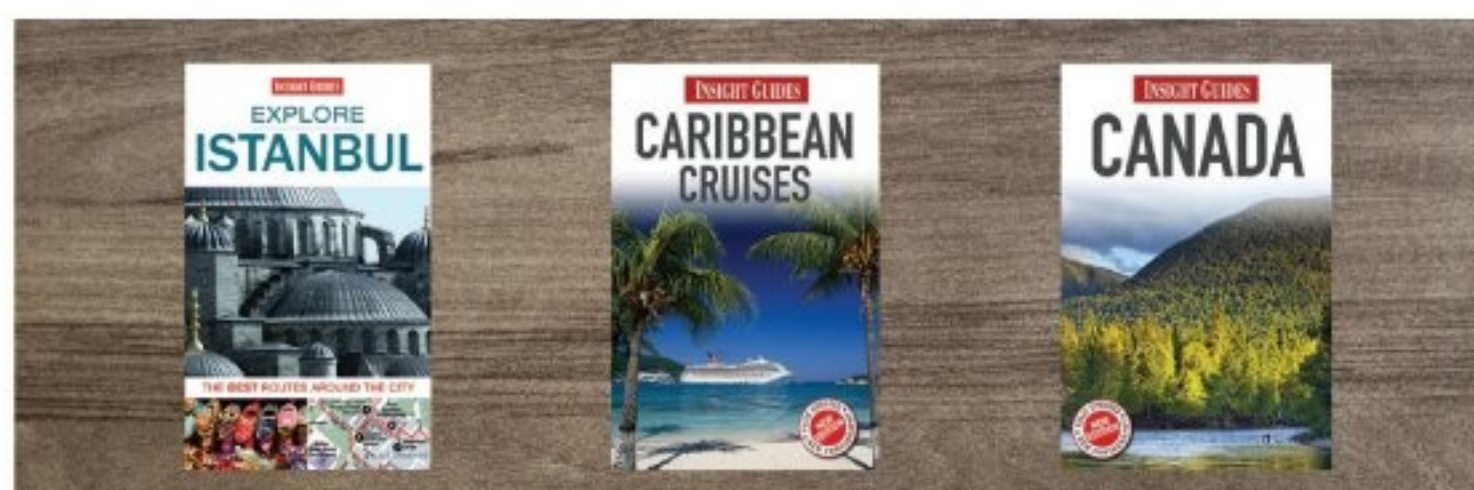
sturdy pillars, its darkened interior is adorned with intricate mosaics of Christ with Emperor Constantine IX and his wife Empress Zoe, and the Madonna and Child. Head upstairs to the gallery for a better view. After conquering Istanbul in 1453, Sultan Mehmet II ordered it to be cleansed and converted to a mosque. Outside, you'll see a fifth-century Byzantine frieze of sheep, one of the few remnants of the original structure.

**3 Yerebatan Sarnici (Basilica Cistern)**  
 This sixth-century subterranean cistern brought thousands of tons of water into the city. Today there are walkways eerily lit by red spotlights set between 336 columns. Scenes of the 1963 Bond film "From Russia With Love" were filmed here. Head to the northwest corner to see two Roman Medusa heads carved in stone. Outside is the Million Stone, a Byzantine landmark marking the distances to other cities of the Empire.

**4 Mosaic Museum**  
 Break away from the Arasta Bazaar and enter through what remains of the Great Palace, once the headquarters of Emperor Justinian. It's now home to the Mosaic Museum, with huge sixth-century mosaics of lively hunting scenes, mythical beasts and all manner of nonreligious scenes. They're a far cry from the austere Biblical scenes of other Byzantine mosaics but a fascinating insight into the everyday artwork of the time.

**5 Church of St. Mary of the Mongols**  
 The downside of this hidden-away church, tucked behind a high wall in Fener, is that it's not regularly open to the public. But if you get access (ring the bell for the caretaker) you'll be seeing the only Byzantine church that remained in Greek hands and was never converted to a mosque. Inside are tiny icons and shrines and a secret underground passageway that led all the way to the Hagia Sophia.

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## Not a Jag against the run

There's a major Jaguars stigma out there. That's understandable, as they've gone 37-84 over the last eight seasons. But that doesn't mean we should want to start running backs against them. The Jaguars rank second in Football Outsiders' run-defense DVOA, a metric that analyzes a unit based on schedule and is



## Away from Revis Island

Darrelle Revis has played as expected this year, dominating whoever is in his path to the tune of a 44.3 passer rating against. But the Jets have struggled elsewhere,

independent of volume. The Jags are also giving up just 3.30 yards per carry, tops in the league.

especially when the ball goes toward Antonio Cromartie. Opposing quarterbacks have a 135.3 passer rating when targeting Cro this year. This unit also sees a ton of volume, as they have the No. 1 DVOA run defense. Identifying which wide receiver Revis will be covering and making lineup decisions off that will be profitable down the stretch.

## Buc up, son

Some owners are cursing Darren McFadden

after a poor performance at Tampa in Week 10. Don't give up on him. The Bucs have quietly been excellent against the run all year, giving up just 3.56 YPC and earning a top-4 DOVA grade in rush defense. The way to beat this unit is through the air, where they have

been going through corners at a rapid pace. It's not going to be a cakewalk for DeMarco Murray this week as the Eagles host the Bucs.

## NFL news

A whole fistful of teams are changing their quarterback ahead of

## NFL matchups

**Danny Amendola vs. BUF** — He isn't Julian Edelman, but Amendola has good rapport with Tom Brady and will see a boost in snaps/targets.

**Marvin Jones at ARI** — Look for Patrick Peterson to shadow A.J. Green and Tyrann Mathieu to swallow up the slot. That leaves Jones to roam free.

**Jordan Matthews vs. TB** — Mark Sanchez loves to throw between the numbers and loves Matthews, as evidenced by last season.

Week 11. Peyton Manning's benching is great news for Demaryius Thomas and Manny Sanders, as Peyton has been a bottom-three NFL quarterback for a calendar year. Tony Romo (collarbone) returning to action will open the field for work-horse Darren McFadden, who is a top-8 running back the rest of the way. Mark Sanchez is a viable streamer, as we've seen him put up big numbers against bad defenses under Chip Kelly. And the Rams will get a boost from the aggressive, slinging style of Case Keenum.



The Jets' secondary is a mixed bag with Antonio Cromartie looking old and Darrelle Revis looking better than ever. GETTY IMAGES

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# Pats always fighting adversity

Injuries and distractions are piling up, but the Patriots just keep winning.

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Last Sunday's game between the Patriots and Giants provided plenty of emotions for Patriots fans. From confidence, to happiness, to shock, to confusion, to frustration and then jubilation, that game had it all. It was a roller-coaster ride from the first snap to literally the last. And just as crazy as it was, it was actually quite meaningful from the Patriots' perspective.

They learned a lot about themselves in that win. They learned how much Julian Edelman means to the offense — and that they could still pull off a game-winning drive without him.

They learned that all



Malcolm Butler responded well after giving up an early touchdown to Odell Beckham Jr. GETTY IMAGES

the injuries to the offensive line might finally be catching up to them — with the current loss of Sebastian Vollmer really hurting — but they still kept a surging Giants defensive line away from Brady on the final drive when the whole world knew he was throwing on

each down.

They saw how Malcolm Butler responded to getting torched by Odell Beckham Jr. on the Giants' first drive of the game. Beckham had just three receptions for 14 yards after that. And Butler's pass breakup in the end zone late in the

fourth quarter allowed the Pats a chance to win with a field goal.

And though the Patriots already had all the confidence in the world in Stephen Gostkowski, watching him nail a 54-yard field goal on the road proved that he does in fact have ice in his veins.

"I think we learn something from every game we play regardless of what the fourth-quarter situation is relative to the final score," Bill Belichick said. "There are a lot of situations that take place in the game and even in a couple of the games that the score hasn't been as tight at the end, there are still a lot of great teaching situations and situational football that comes up."

The Patriots and Bills will face off for the second time this season on Monday [8:30 p.m., ESPN]. The Patriots beat them, 40-32, in their first meeting, but the Bills made things interesting with 19-straight points in the fourth quarter. "You learn something from every game, and whatever your opportunities are, I think you try to take advantage of it and learn from it regardless of what the score is," Belichick said. "Whether it's in your favor or not in your favor,

## Flutie family

Former Patriots and BC star Doug Flutie received some sad news Wednesday as his father, Richard, and his mother, Joan, died on the same day. "My Dad had been ill and died of a heart attack in the hospital and my Mom, less than an hour later, had a sudden heart attack and passed away," Flutie wrote on his Facebook page. "They say you can die of a broken heart and I believe it."

or whether it's close or not close, once the game is finished you've just got to learn from it and take advantage of those teaching situations and make sure that everybody understands them and if it comes up again do it better. Even if it turned out well, just understand the situation and do it better."

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**Aries** Life is full of surprises. You will be given some interesting opportunities that will enable you to choose a direction that could bring stability.



**Taurus** Don't be fooled by someone looking for a handout. A sob story is meant to make you feel bad. Protect your assets.



**Gemini** You'll face complaints if you don't live up to a promise. Take care of responsibilities so that you can move on to more enjoyable pastimes.



**Cancer** You can expand your interests and knowledge if you research or travel to different philosophies or destinations.



**Leo** Put your heart into being your best. Trying a new look, honing your skills or finding a way to turn what you do best into a profitable endeavor.



**Virgo** You will have plenty of insight into ways to overcome any obstacles you face. Live within your means in order to ease stress.



**Libra** You are in dire need of a change. Update your image or join a club or group that offers opportunities to meet experienced people.



**Scorpio** If you are true to yourself, you will have no regrets. Implement interesting changes to your current plans to reach a new level of success.



**Sagittarius** You'll be criticized if you are shortsighted regarding what you can handle. You'll fall behind if you are too ambitious.



**Capricorn** Speak up and see what others have to say. Talks will lead to insightful suggestions and the promise of the support you need.



**Aquarius** A unique concept, philosophy or service will attract your attention. Consider ways to utilize your skill set with what you've discovered.



**Pisces** A settlement is heading your way. Have a plan ready to put any extra cash you receive into a practical long-term investment. **EUGENIA LAST**

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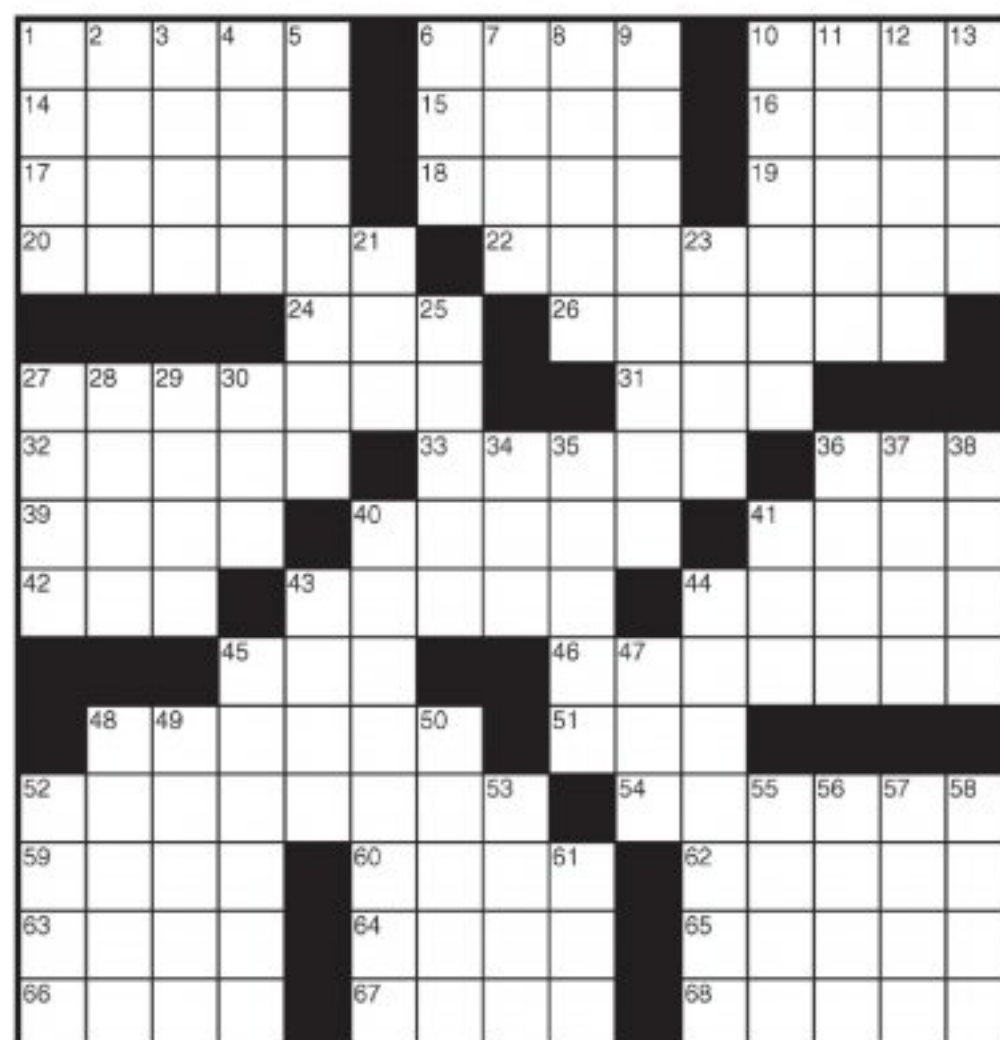
1 Called, as a crow  
6 Fermi split it  
10 Romantic island  
14 Teresa's town  
15 Galactic firework  
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17 "Good Golly, Miss —"  
18 Obi-Wan player  
19 Go wild about  
20 Young raptors  
22 More slow-moving  
24 Moon, in verse  
26 Piano fixers  
27 Wash  
31 Fictional collie  
32 Cugat specialty  
33 Succeed (2 wds.)  
36 Yuppie's auto  
39 Nile wader  
40 Tempestuous  
41 Art-class model  
42 Wager  
43 Sci-fi or romance  
44 Lipstick holder  
45 TGIF part  
46 Housed a horse  
48 Adding staff  
51 Ben- —  
52 Parsley cousin  
54 Shelved for now  
59 Comparable  
60 Poetic foot  
62 Madrid art gallery  
63 Veneer wood  
64 Columbus' small-

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65 Spookily strange  
66 Bookie's figures  
67 Smooth-tongued  
68 Grasping sort

### Down

1 Hunter's wear  
2 Declare solemnly  
3 Resolve  
4 She, in Calais  
5 — 500 race  
6 Compilation  
7 Divulged  
8 Plain as day  
9 "History of England" penner  
10 — in (interrupted)  
11 Robin of balladry  
12 Feline nine  
13 Caesar's route  
21 Next year's alums  
23 Pitbull sound  
25 Fall to  
27 Cattle stall  
28 Garage job  
29 Radiate  
30 Sit-ups firm them  
34 Above, in verse  
35 Crisp  
36 Ives of "Bluetail Fly"  
37 Dept. store inventory



38 Unwanted plant  
40 Boxing play  
41 Worn-down pencil  
43 Silly smile  
44 Castle wall  
45 Hot dogs

47 Famed mummy  
48 Yanked up a sock  
49 Old war story  
50 Knight's quest  
52 "Elder" statesman  
53 All, in combos

55 La — Tar Pits  
56 Carefree escapade  
57 Ms. Falco  
58 Active sort  
61 Nebuchadnezzar's kingdom (abbr.)

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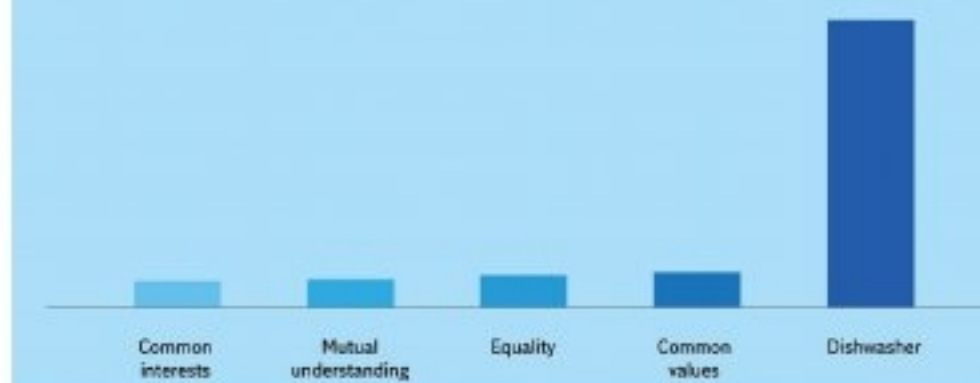
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